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1. THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS (PDRL) ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, TOOK THE LONG EXPECTED ACTION OF BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THE PARTY NEWSPAPER "SIENG PASASON" (VOICE OF THE PEOPLE) CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ENTITLED "PDRL ANNOUNCES BREAKING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL" ANNOUNCING THE DECISION.

BEGIN TEXT. SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PDRL, IT HAS ADHERED TO A FOREIGN POLICY THAT CONCENTRATES ON EXTENDING AND IMPROVING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS, UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE PDRL SUPPORTS ABSOLUTELY THE

STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE
AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

IN THE FACE OF FREQUENT AND CONTINUOUS VIOLENCE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SAVAGE AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION
OF ARAB TERRITORY BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, AND THE
BARBAROUS SUPPRESSION OF THE ARAB PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINIANS, BY THE (ISRAELI) POWER-HOLDERS,
THE PDRL GOVERNMENT STANDS WITH THE UNFORTUNATE ARABS.
RECENTLY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
PASSED A UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE
"ISRAELI ADMINISTRATION HAD TAKEN ARAB TERRITORY AND
ESTABLISHED A FRIGHTFUL REGIME, SERIOUSLY VIOLATED
HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITTED GREAT CRIMES IN THAT AREA."
THE RESOLUTION REITERATED THAT "THE OCCUPATION OF
ARAB TERRITORY BY ISRAEL SERIOUSLY ENDANGERS PEACE
AND WORLD SECURITY."

SUCH ACTIONS BY ISRAEL ARE NOT JUST AGAINST THE
POLICY OF THE PDRL, THEY ALSO TREAD ON THE RESOLUTIONS
AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH ALL MEMBERS
MUST STRICTLY OBSERVE. THEREFORE, THE PDRL GOVERNMENT
SEES IT AS NECESSARY AND JUST TO CUT OFF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF
ISSUANCE OF THIS STATEMENT. VIENTIANE, FEBRUARY 23,
1976. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: OF LATE ISRAEL HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN
VIENTIANE BY A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, YOAV BAR ON, WHO HAS
DIVIDED HIS TIME BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND BANGKOK, AND
WHILE IN VIENTIANE HAS STAYED AT THE LANE XANG HOTEL.
WHEN AN EMBOFF TELEPHONED HIM AT 0900 ON FEBRUARY 23,
BAR ON WAS UNAWARE OF THE PDRL DECISION. HE SAID HE
WOULD CONTACT US LATER IN THE DAY BUT, UNDERSTANDABLY,
HAS NOT YET DONE SO. WE ARE NOT YET AWARE OF WHAT HIS
FUTURE PLANS ARE OR WHEN HE WILL WITHDRAW TO BANGKOK.
SINCE HE HAS NOT CHECKED OUT OF THE HOTEL AT 1600 ON
FEBRUARY 23, HIS NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE, OTHER THAN
BY SURFACE AT THA DEUA, WILL BE THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHT
AT 1555 ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

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